

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the claims:

Claims 3-5 have been amended as follows:

3 (amended). A method [according to any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 wherein the condition is caused by ischemia of the tissue.

4 (amended). A method [according to any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 wherein the condition is caused by coronary artery disease [such as stenosis].

5 (amended). A method [according to any of the preceding claims] of claim 1 wherein the dose of  $\alpha$ -MSH and/or of an  $\alpha$ -MSH equivalent or a EPO and/or an EPO equivalent or a combination thereof is administered prophylactically for preventing the establishment of the condition or any symptom of the condition or for preventing a progress of the condition or of any symptom of the condition.

Claims 6-10 have been cancelled.

Claims 11-16 have been added.